



# **NEWS RELEASE**

**Senator Robert Nichols**

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## **Nichols meets with local superintendents**

Palestine -- Sen. Robert Nichols (R-Jacksonville) met with local superintendents from Anderson County. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss education issues in preparation for the 85th Legislature which convenes in January.

"The Legislature faces many challenges this session, and we cannot make good decisions unless we are listening closely to those we represent," said Nichols. "Education is and always will be one of the most important issues we face as a state."

Before each legislative session Nichols meets with each of the school district Superintendents in Senate District 3 to listen to their priorities and discuss issues facing the local education community.

"Senator Nichols is a great supporter of public education and the students, educators and communities of East Texas," said Jason Marshall, Palestine ISD Superintendent and host of the meeting. "As superintendents, we always enjoy the opportunity to meet with him before the Legislative session to discuss current issues. I appreciate Senator Nichols and his commitment to listening and serving."

Senate District 3, which includes over 100 school districts throughout 19 counties, encompasses the greater part of East Texas and Montgomery County.

"These meetings help me to understand how decisions in Austin impact local schools," stated Nichols. "I appreciate the opportunity to meet with superintendents and discuss how we can continue improving our education system. Our combined goal is to ensure children have the educational tools they need to be successful."

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Photo Back Row L-R: Cayuga ISD Superintendent Dr. Rick Webb, Frankston ISD Superintendent John Allen, Senator Robert Nichols, Palestine ISD Chief Financial Officer David Atkeisson,

Photo Front Row L-R: Palestine ISD Asst. Superintendent of Instructional Services Tammy Jones, Palestine ISD Asst. Superintendent of Human Resources Suzanne Eiben, Frankston ISD Curriculum Director Nicci Cook